

## Catch a Star Employees Receive Recognition

As St. Patrick's Day approached, two bright green leprechauns dressed in sequined hats, bowties and shoes and donning feathered boas were seen visiting Lynchburg elementary schools to tell stories, dance the Irish jig and hand out gold and green coins. After 12 storytime sessions in four days, 979 kindergarteners, first-graders, and teachers were entertained with a wee bit o' magic. The leprechaun magic proved to be very powerful when Linkhorne Elementary lost their power during a storytime, but the leprechauns kept on going. If you should come by the library to meet the leprechauns you will discover that they take on another form during the rest of the year. But if you should speak to Ann Lawson or Diane Daniel you won't miss a wee bit o' twinkle in their eyes. For their outstanding commitment to linking children and literature, Ann and Diane were recognized by the city as two of nine recipients of the annual "Catch a Star" award.

The award consists of recognition in the City Source, a gift certificate, and a desk clock with an engraved plaque.

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wrap-Up

Reference Librarian Ken Morrison and Friends Member Pat Doyle have written articles on the history of the Lynchburg Public Library.

Pat's article about the people and activities that led to the founding of the library appeared in the Fall/Winter 2006 issue of Lynch's Ferry magazine and kicked off our year-long 40th anniversary celebration.

Ken wrote an article which focused on the civil rights aspect of library service from 1964-1966. His article appeared in the October/November/December 2006 issue of Virginia Libraries and is indexed nationally. Both articles can be found on the library's website at [www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary](http://www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary)

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## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign Goes Over the Top!

Goal \$140,000 - Gifts \$155,000+

THANK YOU, DONORS

**W**OW! Who would have guessed that the \$140,000 goal for our FLPL 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign would be topped with commitments of more than \$155,000? Thanks to the generosity of the many individuals and businesses that supported the Campaign, our endowment fund has grown significantly and we have recently been able to purchase and install four early learning stations for the benefit of our youngest Library users—pre-school children.

We are so thankful for the response to the Campaign. Gifts came in all sizes from young and old, newcomers and natives. Through these gifts, our donors clearly demonstrated their gratitude for what the Lynchburg Public Library continues to mean to the entire community.

As you read the list of Campaign donors in this newsletter, please join us in recognizing them. These Campaign gifts, along with FLPL annual memberships, enhance the quality of life in our community.

### Ellen Nygaard

*President, Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library*

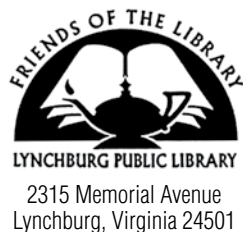


## PAWS to READ @ your library

Saturdays  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Through May 26

For more  
information call  
Youth Services  
at 455-6320

**B**ecome a "doggone" good reader by reading library books to extraordinary dogs who have been trained to be good listeners. All dogs have earned their Canine Good Citizen Certificate, making them qualified to work with children. No registration required. Just drop by.



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## Barnes & Noble Bookfair Voucher Supporting

**FRIENDS OF THE  
LYNCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Friday & Saturday, May 4th & 5th  
Barnes & Noble  
4024-C Wards Road**

Simply present this voucher at  
the cash register at the time of purchase.

A percentage of the net sale  
will be donated to your organization.\*

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Register #: Transaction #:

Amount of sale before tax less purchase  
of Gift Cards, Membership Cards,  
and Café consumables.

\$

\* THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTIONS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN BOOKFAIR TOTALS: THE  
PURCHASE OF GIFT CARDS, MEMBERSHIP CARDS, AND CAFÉ CONSUMABLES.  
NON-PROFIT AND BUSINESS ACCOUNT DISCOUNTS MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO  
BOOKFAIR PURCHASES.

## Attention Book Lovers – Book Fair at Barnes and Noble to Benefit Friends of the Library

Please join the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library in shopping  
at Barnes & Noble on **Friday and Saturday, May 4th & 5th**. A  
percentage of each purchase will be donated to the library when you  
hand over this voucher at the register. Bring the kids to meet the Cat in  
the Hat! On Sat. at 2 PM local author, Carolyn Feagans, will be signing  
her new book, *There is a Season*.

### E-Mail Notification @ Your Library

The library now has the  
capability to notify patrons  
via e-mail about their overdue  
and reserved materials.  
If you would like to be  
notified by e-mail, please  
ask a staff member at  
the Circulation Desk  
to update your record.  
It takes only a couple  
of minutes to add or  
verify your e-mail address and  
to make the switch from phone  
notification or snail mail to e-  
mail. Your e-mail address is a



part of your patron record and  
will be treated with the same  
confidentiality as all of your other  
information. In addition  
to faster notification for  
patrons, this also will be  
a money saver for the  
library - especially with  
postage rates increasing!  
Please remember to  
notify the library if your  
e-mail address changes. We hope  
you will take advantage of this  
new service and we welcome your  
feedback.

**Ona Turner Dowdy**  
*Circulation Supervisor*

### Drowning in Paper?

**W**orried about security? Are your personal files going under  
in a sea of paper and your little home shredder can't keep  
up any more? Here's your chance to watch paper become confetti

in a flash and make a gift to the Friends as well.

Kodiak Shredding is volunteering their company and time to help the Friends. Kodiak will bring their  
mobile paper shredding truck to the Main Library, Saturday, April 28 from 9 AM to 12 Noon .

You can visually verify the entire process and rest easy knowing all your paper is completely mangled.

Cost for shredding is \$5.00 for a box (18x18x24).

Funds raised by the Friends of the Library help to support the following:

- An endowment fund to assure library funding regardless of federal, state and local funding fluctuations
- Volunteer Program
- Youth Summer Reading Program
- Purchase of adult materials
- Printing and mailing of the Library newsletter
- Support for Lynchburg Reads
- Early Literacy Stations for the Main Library and Downtown Branch



## A Surprise Guest @ Your Library



**T**houghts of spring turn to baseball, flowers blooming,  
and vacations looming. March 1 brought thoughts  
of "what is in the ceiling" when strange noises were  
heard above the drop ceiling.

A small bird was traced to the  
computer room lab where it  
had managed to fall between



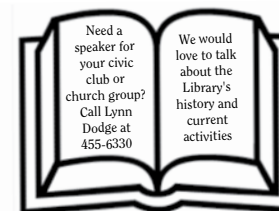
the metal studs. Animal control was unable  
to reach the bird so the wallpaper was pulled back and  
a hole cut into the drywall, enabling animal control to  
reunite the sparrow with the outside world. The bird was  
unaffected by its adventure and was last seen sitting happily in a tree. The wall took a  
bit longer to recover.

### MLK Center for Human Rights Engages Community

**N**early 300 Lynchburgers came together in fellowship and goodwill to celebrate  
Dr. King's Birthday, January 15. Tributes were paid to Dr. King by Walter  
Fore, Jr. and to Mrs. Coretta Scott King, who  
died in 2006, by Judith Johnson. The keynote  
speaker was Hermina Hendricks. All spoke to  
Dr. King's dream of a *beloved community*, in  
which all people can share the wealth of the  
earth. The 9th Annual Birthday Breakfast  
was sponsored by the  
MLK Lynchburg  
Community  
Council, which



oversees the MLK Center for Human Rights at the main  
library. The City Manager has asked the Community  
Council to assist in creating a process for fostering a  
sustainable community dialogue; that report is due in  
May.



### In Memory of Pat Light

**L**ibrary staff members were saddened to hear of the death of Pat Light on  
March 19th. As a volunteer Pat worked to help found the library. She was  
then one of the earliest library employees, starting work on July 1, 1967 and  
retiring on July 7, 1987. She initially worked with children, became Mail  
Clerk and then initiated our Outreach to senior citizens deposit collection  
program as an additional responsibility. She was very active in the community,  
particularly in AAUW and her church, Fort Hill United Methodist.



#### MAIN LIBRARY

2315 Memorial Ave.  
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Circulation, Renewals,  
Returns, Library Cards  
455-6300

Reference and  
Information  
455-6310

Youth Services  
455-6320

Administration and  
Technical Services  
455-6330

Volunteer Program  
455-6330

#### LIBRARY HOURS

##### Main

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.  
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Tues., Thurs.  
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

##### Downtown Branch

Mon.- Fri.  
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

#### DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

900 Church Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504  
455-3820

#### CLOSED

Monday, May 28  
Memorial Day

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